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FOR: TRANSFORMED YEAST STRAINS AND
THEIR USE FOR THE PRODUCTION OF
MONOTERMINAL AND DITERMINAL
ALIPHATIC CARBOXYLATE

Dated
10/18/01

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This Supplemental Amendment is being filed pursuant to a telephone interview with the Examiner. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In The Claims:

1. A method for the bioproduction of a C₆ to C₂₂ mono- or di-carboxylic acid comprising
 - a) contacting, under aerobic conditions, a transformed *Pichia pastoris* comprising a genetically-engineered alkane hydroxylating activity comprising
 - i) at least one copy of a foreign gene encoding cytochrome P450 monooxygenase; and, optionally,
 - ii) at least one copy of a foreign gene encoding cytochrome P450 reductase, each gene operably linked to a *Pichia pastoris* Aox 1 promoter such that alkane hydroxylating activity is enhanced upon contact with at least one C₆ to C₂₂ straight chain hydrocarbon; and
 - b) recovering the C₆ to C₂₂ mono- and di-carboxylic acids.
- ~~Claim~~ 2. The method of Claim 1 wherein the transformed *Pichia pastoris* is strain SW 64/65 identified as ATCC 74409; the at least one C₆ to C₂₂ straight chain hydrocarbon is dodecane; and the product recovered is dodecanedioic acid.
3. A transformed *Pichia pastoris* comprising
 - a) at least one copy of a foreign gene encoding cytochrome P450 monooxygenase; and, optionally,
 - b) at least one copy of a foreign gene encoding cytochrome P450 reductase, each gene operably linked to *Pichia pastoris* Aox1 promoter such that alkane hydroxylating activity is enhanced upon contact with at least one C₆ to C₂₂ straight chain hydrocarbon.